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SUBJECT: STATUS OF BELGIAN/ZAIRIAN DISCUSSIONS ON MOBUTU  
PLAN

REF: A) STATE 308042, B) BRUSSELS 17582

1. REPORT IN BELGIAN PRESS DECEMBER 28 CONCERNING VISIT TO KINSHASA DECEMBER 22-24 BY MINISTER FOR COOPERATION LUCIEN OUTERS PROVIDES BEST ACCOUNT CURRENTLY AVAILABLE HERE (WITHOUT APPROACHING HOST GOVERNMENT) OF PRESENT STATUS OF BELGIAN/ZAIRIAN DISCUSSIONS ON MOBUTU PLAN. UNLESS INSTRUCTED OTHERWISE, WE EXPECT TO CONTINUE OUR ONGOING EXCHANGES ON SUBJECT (LAST REPORTED REF B) WITH OUR BELGIAN COUNTERPARTS DURING NORMAL COURSE OF BUSINESS FOLLOWING END OF HOLIDAY PERIOD AND WILL REPORT FURTHER AT THAT TIME.

2. ACCORDING TO DECEMBER 28 PRESS REPORT, OUTERS GAVE PRESIDENT MOBUTU A LETTER FROM PRIME MINISTER TINDEMANS AND DISCUSSED CERTAIN ASPECTS OF "MOBUTU PLAN" WITH HIM AND OTHER ZAIRIAN GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS. REPORT SAID THAT TINDEMANS' LETTER SET FORTH CONDITIONS UNDER WHICH BELGIUM WOULD ACCEPT THE ROLE OF MULTI-NATIONAL COORDINATOR OF FOREIGN AID REQUESTED BY ZAIRE. THE BELGIAN GOVERNMENT  
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ASKED ZAIRE SPECIFICALLY TO DESIGNATE BELGIUM IN THE ROLE OF COORDINATOR. FURTHER, BELGIUM REQUESTED ZAIRE TO GIVE FORMAL ASSURANCES THAT IT WOULD RESPECT A CERTAIN NUMBER OF THE PRINCIPLES SET FORTH BY THE MALDAGUE GROUP. AMONG THESE PRINCIPLES ZAIRE MUST AGREE TO THE COMPLETE AUTONOMY OF ITS NATIONAL BANK, WHICH WOULD BE DIRECTED BY A GROUP OF EXPERTS DESIGNATED BY THE IMF.

ZAIRE MUST ALSO MAKE THE DECISION TO RETURN TO STRICT BUDGETARY ORTHODOXY.

3. REPORT SAID THAT NO REPLY HAS YET BEEN RECEIVED FROM ZAIRES, BUT THAT BASED ON PRESIDENT MOBUTU'S JULY AND NOVEMBER SPEECHES THE BELGIAN GOVERNMENT EXPECTS A FAVORABLE REPLY TO ITS CONDITIONS. CHAMBERS

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